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Letters to the Editor of The Times

Students' Group Integrity

To the Editor:

As a former City College delegate to National Student Association conventions in 1960 and 1961, may I enter a plea for perspective in the current controversy over the financial relationship between the Central Intelligence Agency and N.S.A.

Ramparts Magazine has performed a public service in disclosing this latest example of C.I.A. involvement with educational or student organizations. Hopefully there will be sufficient public indignation now to provide impetus toward a severing of such ties.

At the same time, it would be unfortunate if this public indignation, particularly among

the more destructive groups of the radical left or right, were turned toward N.S.A. in impeachment of its integrity.

I can affirm that at no time during the years that I am familiar with were any such questions of integrity justifiable. Indeed, if anything, many of the resolutions on foreign affairs must have been extremely provocative to the C.I.A. A 1961 resolution against the abortive invasion of Cuba may be cited as only one example.

In short, then, it is to be hoped that one side effect of this controversy will not be a weakening of confidence in the independence of this national organization of student governments.

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